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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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20. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:
(A) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, or a polyolefin grafted

with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups,

(B) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer made from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid,

wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2:1 – 0.5:1.

21. (Withdrawn) A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:

(A) a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/glycidyl (meth)acrylate,

(B) a copolymer made from unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer made from unsaturated carboxylic acid or an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid.

22. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 20, wherein (A) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/glycidyl (meth)acrylate.

23. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 20, wherein (A) is either a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide and having two epoxide groups, said product being other than said copolymer and polyolefin, and (C) is a partially or completely hydrolyzed copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, a partially or completely hydrolyzed copolymer of a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, or an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid.

24. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 21, wherein (B) is either a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, or a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and (C) is a partially or completely hydrolyzed copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid, a partially or completely hydrolyzed copolymer of a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, or an alpha, α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid.

25. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 20, wherein (C) is a copolymer

made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

26. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 21, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

27. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 22, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

28. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 23, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

29. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 24, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

30. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 20, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyamide or a saturated polyester.

31. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 21, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyamide or a saturated polyester.

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33. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 23, wherein (C) is an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid.

34. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 23, wherein (C) is an aminoundecanoic acid.

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36. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 23, wherein (C) is said

copolymer made from ethylene and unsaturated carboxylic acid.

37. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 36, wherein (A) is a copolymer made from ethylene and glycidyl methacrylate.

38. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 20, wherein (B) is a copolymer made from ethylene and maleic anhydride.

39. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 37, wherein (B) is a copolymer made from ethylene and maleic anhydride.

40. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 39, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

41. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:

(A) a copolymer of ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, or a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups.

(B) a copolymer of ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer of an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid, wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2:1 - 0.5:1.

42. (Withdrawn) A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:

(A) an ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer,

(B) a copolymer of an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer of an unsaturated carboxylic acid or an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid.

43. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 20, wherein (A) is a copolymer made from ethylene/methyl acrylate/glycidyl methacrylate and, (B) is a copolymer made from ethylene/ethyl acrylate/maleic anhydride.

44. (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 43, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from α,ω -amino carboxylic acid or ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

45. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of components consisting essentially of:

(A) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, or a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups,

(B) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer made from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid;

wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2:1 - 0.5:1.

46. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of components consisting of:

(A) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, or a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups,

(B) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride,

(C) a copolymer made from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid;

wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2:1 - 0.5:1.

47. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 20, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyamide, (A) is the copolymer made from ethylene and glycidyl methacrylate or the polyolefin is ethylene grafted with glycidyl methacrylate; (B) is the copolymer made from ethylene and maleic anhydride; and (C) is the copolymer made from ethylene and acrylic acid, or ethylene and methacrylic acid.

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